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For: RAPID ASSEMBLY CASTING
SYSTEM FOR SLAB GELS

Examiner:

Art Unit:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and
§1.98Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references can be found in Application no. 09/249,378 filed February 12, 1999, which application is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Applicants respectfully request that the references supplied in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 in the above-referenced parent application, as well as those cited during its examination, be made of record.

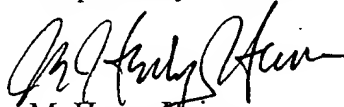
It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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